

# Fox Canyon VOICE

WE'RE JUST WILD  
*About Our Neighborhood!*

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All RESIDENTS and BUSINESSES of: all of LANTANA, RENO, AUBURN (4758-5160) DRIVES; all of ONTARIO, CASTLE, South side of UNIVERSITY (4749-4849), East side of EUCLID (3611-3889), ESTRELLA (3803-3857) AVENUES; DWIGHT (4759-4792), WIGHTMAN (4750-4871) STREETS.

## NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

**TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2011 @ 6:15 PM**

**5123 University Avenue, 92105**

*(The Auburn Park community room)*

**Members of neighboring communities and the public are welcome**

*Thinking of going solar and if you do, what benefits will it provide you? Do you know if you really can afford a solar system to help match your energy needs and budget?*

## GET INVOLVED!

*Attend the next association meeting and find out.*

**GRID Alternatives** is a local nonprofit organization and licensed electrical contractor with a mission to empower communities in need by providing renewable energy and energy efficiency services, equipment and training to **install no or low-cost solar energy systems into homes** within the San Diego County. This new opportunity is offered through the state of California's the Single Family Affordable Solar Homes (**SASH**). The SASH program links homeowners who are most in need of lower energy prices with the opportunity to obtain free or low cost solar energy system. The SASH program is managed by GRID Alternatives. To date, GRID Alternatives has installed over 600 systems throughout the state.

GRID Alternatives is currently looking for new potential homeowners who are included in the Enterprise Zone, an eligible area for participation in this exciting opportunity. The Enterprise Zone focuses on areas with income levels up to 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) for San Diego County. There are households within your neighborhood that meets these guidelines and I would like to talk with you more about how to get this information out to your area and attend your next meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm.

**Amanda Meder**

Presenter

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## THE MIRAMAR LANDFILL:



**A public asset that belongs and benefits ALL San Diegans**

July 13<sup>th</sup> is your chance to speak out on the proposed out-sourcing of San Diego's only public landfill.

***Will you be there?***

**WHAT:** Rules Committee Meeting

**WHEN:** Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM

**WHERE:** San Diego City Hall, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, 202 C St in downtown San Diego

\*\* Parking at Horton Plaza is walking distance and free for 3 hours with validation.

\*\* We'll be providing free coffee and cookies and have oppose slips ahead of time for you to sign

The outsourcing of the Miramar Landfill through the managed competition process possesses serious issues and concerns for San Diegans including:

- What are the **environmental safeguards** required of a private operator?
- How will **greenery services** including free or reduced cost compost and mulch for city residents be affected?
- Will **service quality levels** be maintained?
- How much is the outsourcing process **costing taxpayers**?
- How will strong contract **oversight** be ensured?

Let's send a **strong** message to all the City Council members on the Rules Committee to let them know our concerns! Whether or not you can attend the meeting, please send them a quick email by clicking on the following link:

[http://salsa.democracynaction.org/o/1388/p/dia/action/public/?action\\_KEY=7120&track=LandfillRulesCmte&tag=LandfillRulesCmteEmail](http://salsa.democracynaction.org/o/1388/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=7120&track=LandfillRulesCmte&tag=LandfillRulesCmteEmail)

If you are interested in giving testimony or attending this meeting, please contact:

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and/or **Trinh Le**, [tle@onlinecpi.org](mailto:tle@onlinecpi.org) or 619-584-5744 x 24

## NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday, JULY 12, 2011 @ 6:15 PM

5123 University Avenue

(Community Room at AUBURN PARK)

Proposed Agenda:

**GRID Alternatives**

**COME and JOIN US!**

### The BOARD of DIRECTORS

Will meet July 28, 2011 @ 6:30 PM

**Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association, Inc.**

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## CREATING A CULTURE OF PREPAREDNESS

(June 14, 2011 meeting)

Presentation by

**Mariana Vasconcelos**

Red Cross Outreach Associate and

Member of the AmeriCorps Program



**The Association thanks Mariana for her superb presentation**

## GRID ALTERNATIVES

On a bright and sunny Saturday morning, Fox Canyon residents flocked to the corner Euclid/Castle to witness the solar energy demonstration project being built by GRID Alternatives. This project showcases the opportunity for local homeowners to acquire this type of energy source at affordable prices. With ever increasing energy needs and cost, solar energy seems a good choice to help power your home's energy consumption, and perhaps your new electric cars, in a near future. With the **SASH** Program, low income home owners may apply and see if their family income qualifies to participate in the GRID Alternatives SASH program. In addition to receive the benefit of a solar panel system, the program offers volunteer opportunities and training. This next Tuesday, July 12, Outreach & Program Associate; Amanda

Meder will present the program to the association. We urge you to attend the next association meeting, learn if you can be the recipient of this program and ask lots of questions. And if a volunteer opportunity is available to you, take it.



Pictured below are volunteers with the **SASH** Program, offered by **GRID Alternatives** while installing a new solar panel system.



**CPI** CENTER ON  
POLICY INITIATIVES

Dear Jose Lopez,

Hmmm. We must have hit a nerve.

The pressure is building to stop the reckless push to outsource Miramar Landfill, and city officials are obviously feeling the heat. Over the weekend, Jay Goldstone, City of San Diego chief operating officer, lashed out at CPI in a letter to the editor in response to our open letter published just three days earlier. In his response, he ignored the serious concerns raised about the City's weak record of overseeing contracts and instead simply repeated the old line that competing out city services will save Tax-Payers money – without addressing hard evidence that it often does just the opposite.

Let's make sure Goldstone does not get the last word. The effort to privatize the landfill so far has cost taxpayers \$500,000 for a consultant that produced nothing – plus untold weeks and months of high-level staff time.

Goldstone estimated last August that putting six to eight city depart-

ments through "managed competition" could save \$27 million. In his letter on Sunday, it's down to \$8 million. **In truth, all estimates of savings from contracting out city services are meaningless unless the costs of contracting are figured in,** especially considering the city's growing track-record of contract mismanagement.

Sincerely,

Clare Crawford

Executive Director

PS - The U-T printed two excellent letters taking Goldstone to task. Christine Harris of Rancho Bernardo wrote: "I wonder how a private company – which has not only costs to consider but also a profit margin when bidding on jobs currently provided by the city at no profit – is going to be able to perform these services, and for less money. Perhaps the private company will pay its workers much less... or maybe the work will be done more poorly." Our work to stop the privatization of the Miramar Landfill continues. Last month's scheduled vote on privatizing operation of Miramar Landfill was canceled at the last minute, after the City Attorney said part of the privatization plan was illegal and that it would leave the City with full financial and environmental liability. Now the vote is rescheduled for **July 13**, but the risks and concerns have not been resolved! Join us for our Coalition meeting this coming Wednesday to help strategize for next steps and the plan for the Rules committee meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>!!!

Can you make it?

**July 13<sup>th</sup> 9am**- The landfill issue will most likely be back on the Rules Committee agenda at 9am.

## PRIVATIZATION OF THE LANDFILL

*('Hood Style)*

Somebody that I have always highly admired for his intelligence is Mr. Goldstone. Several times I have told him that I would be very happy and more successful if I were to have just one eighth of his. But with that said I don't want him to reciprocate by insulting mine. His letter to the UT only targets the Center on Policy Initiatives (CPI) and he fails to recognize that the opposition against the privatization of the Miramar Landfill is constituent driven. The "little people" in the 'Hood are highly opposed to this sale and Mr. Goldstone and the Mayor fail to recognize this. Yes, we voted to out-source some expensive, badly managed and non-productive City services. But in this case, we did not vote to sell those services that are successful, efficient and producing a profit and additional neighborhood services. Is like; we did not vote to sell the golden eggs, nonetheless the **"GOOSE"** that laid them. If it is a good idea to sell the landfill, it would have been sold by now with no problems. Every single day that goes by Mr. Goldstone encounters new obstacles and more constituent opposition on his way to a quick successful sale. What is the correlation with the landfill and the "Hood"?

The Miramar Landfill is a money producing asset. It is self supporting, it pays for all the programs attached to it and, in addition, it sends **\$6 million** in revenues to the Refuse Disposal Fund (RDF) which is completely separate from the General Fund. In addition, the RDF funds seven additional community services, some of which are (1) Maintaining Closed Landfill and Burn Ash Dumps, (2) **Illegal Dumping Cleanups**, (3) **Code Enforcement**, (4) **Public Trash Receptacles**, (5) **Community Cleanups**, (6) Community Outreach and Education, and (7) Dead Animal Pick-up. And here is our deep concern: If the Landfill is successfully privatized, the now, \$6 millions in revenue will be the new owner's profit and not available to pay for community services. How does the Mayor proposes to pay for all those 7 services now provided by the landfill profits deposited into the RDF? Our concerns are: Who is to pay for and pickup the cronic illegal dumping now occuring on both ends of Ontario Avenue and all along and into the Auburn Creek from University to Home? Who will pick-up the dead animals killed on our streets? Who is to pay and pick-up the tons of litter deposited along the parkways?

And, how are we to pay to conduct community cleanups?



*(Picture taken Sunday morning, July 10, 2011 @ 10:00 AM)*

Everyone in the City has failed to recognize that Fox Canyon has an environmental and water quality disaster in its hands. They prefer to play politics with this problem. For years the Association has been sounding the alarm bell on this issue. We know that the only real solution to control the illegal dumping on lower Auburn Drive (right next to the Auburn Creek) is to build the Ontario Avenue street connection. But in the interim, Environmental Services has the constant job of cleaning and picking-up this mini-(Miramar) landfill time and time again. Keeping this area of the 'Hood clean of dumped debris is a necessity to us. The only pocket of money used for these constant services comes from the Refuse Disposal Fund (RDF) program. Monies that will be privately owned if the Miramar Landfill is outsourced. We have the bested interest to know and be told by the Mayor and Mr. Goldstone which funds will be used to pay for these services. The least we expect to know is, if they will be from the **General Fund**. And here we have come full circle. Again, how does the Mayor and Mr. Goldstone propose to pay for this services before we sign on the dotted line of approval for the privatization of the landfill? Since November 2010 we have been asking the same questions time-and-time again and the Mayor and Mr. Goldstone have never provided an answer at all, and have completely ignored us. Todate, not even a word. Remember, everything the City does is in the name of the constituency, **us!** So if they are to serve and govern in our name, they are responsible and accountable to **US!** This is a very important quality of life issue that touches everyone and specially the People of Fox Canyon. We are the ones who have to live next door to this mess. The picture above was not taken in Kensigton or Talmadge. It was taken in lower Auburn Drive. Make plans to attend the Rules Committee meeting, this July 13, 2011 (9:00 AM) at City Hall and voice your opposition to the Mayor's plan to privatize the Miramar Landfill. **JL**

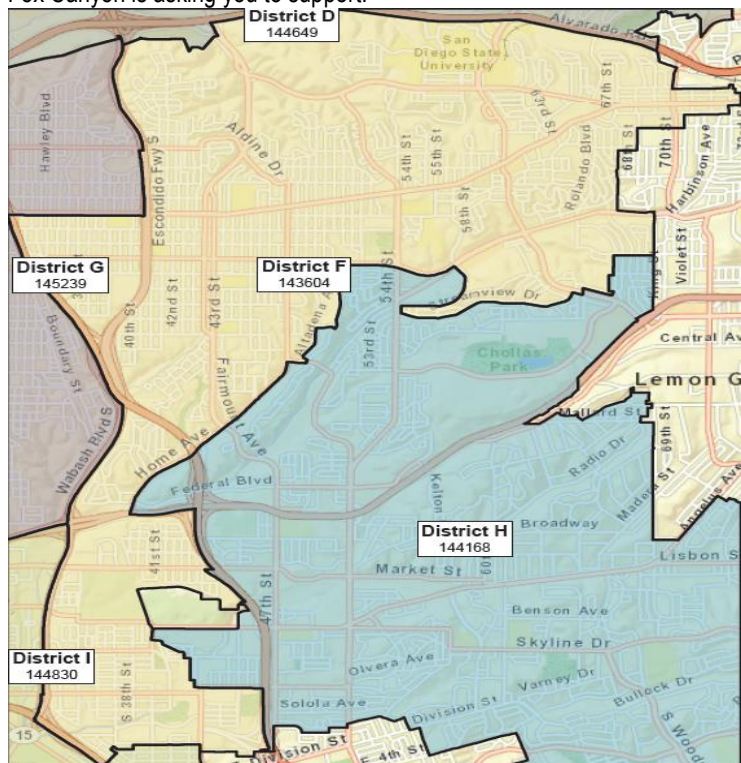
## REDISTRICTING

Support the proposed **Map Option # 3, District F** by attending the next Redistricting Commission meeting this coming Thursday, July 14, 2011 @ 6:00 pm and give your testimony of support. The Commission will be meeting at 202 C Street, Silver Room, 92101. The Silver Room is on the second floor of the Golden Hall complex. Your attendance to this meeting is of supreme importance. Please make plans to attend! Why is your attendance so important? It is within your physical presence, time and political power to help select the new Council District and the political boundaries of all existing City Council Districts. The Commissioners need to hear from you and your community leaders as to which communities of interest you identify and want to partner with to have the ability to select proper political representation and a

Council Member for you and your neighbors. The Commission needs to make these finding of fact based on the following criteria:

1. The shape of the proposed districts has to be **COMPACT** and easily accessible from end-to-end (*no weird appendices or dancing arms/legs*).
2. Based on public testimony (*can you picture yourself doing this?*)
3. Circumstantial evidence (*all maps previously submitted and/or other evidence*).
4. Race cannot be a predominant factor, but population is.

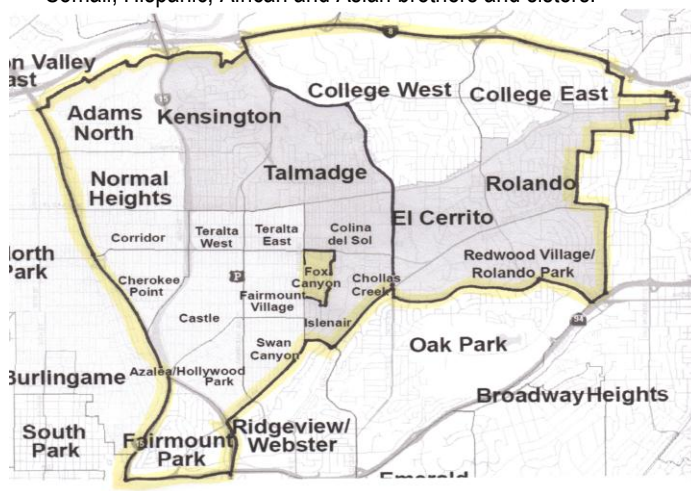
At the last Redistricting Commission meeting (July 9) Mr. Johnson, the Consultant, presented the Commission with three different maps. With some minor changes, the one below, **Map Option # 3, District F**, is the one that Fox Canyon is asking you to support:



After hearing public testimony from Jose Lopez (Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association president), Commissioner Quiroz asked the Consultant to include all of the City Heights communities of *Ridgeview* and *Chollas Creek* to map 3, district F. We just need testimony from the, now CD-7, communities of *Redwood Village & Rolando Park* to have a more compact, better shaped new district. These two communities are now recommended, by the Consultant, to be part of District 4. Oak Park and Webster have made a solid commitment to remain, as they are now, in District 4. At this last meeting, the Mount Hope community expressed their desire to remain in District 4 and asked that they not be added to the bottom of City Heights. We will ask the Commission to trade this part to the south of 94 (*the MLK freeway*) with the communities of Adams North and Normal Heights to have a District that best matches the Fox Canyon proposed map, option # 1 (see next column). Here is our case:

1. The new district should be # **9** and be named the **Mid-City District**.
2. The communities of Kensington and Talmadge (**KenTal**) have expressed their desire to be together with the communities to the East (*College East and West*) and West (*Adams North and Normal Heights*).
3. All the Mid-City communities will be housed within one new district.
4. All the communities to the east of 54<sup>th</sup> Street, now within District 7, have long held traditional and political ties. They having common interest and needs sharing communal, political, cultural, financial and traditional bonds, which have existed for more than thirty (30) years within the boundaries of District Seven. All these communities should be together.

5. This proposal is not gerrymandered or cuts anyone community in half, but it achieves great social justice and the best redistribution of resources coupling the powerful political and educated elites, communities of wealth with communities of need, and city services. Mid-City Planning is kept whole. This new district option is easily accessible, contiguous and compact, cocooned within four (4) major freeways framing strong and definite district boundaries with two great major arteries, El Cajon Blvd and University Ave traversing the new Mid-City District east to west. This proposed option will leave all planning groups intact within one new district.
6. The new district will keep traditional minorities within. We cannot think of the day and will not tolerate to be separated from our Somali, Hispanic, African and Asian brothers and sisters.



The Redistricting Commission is accessible to you via your emails at [Redistricting 2010@sandiego.gov](mailto:Redistricting2010@sandiego.gov)

## The BOULEVARD

El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association

### Featured Arts and Events on the Boulevard

The **Mid-City CAN** Youth Council painted a mural to showcase North Park Produce, a fabulous grocery store on El Cajon Boulevard.



## COOPER HAWKS



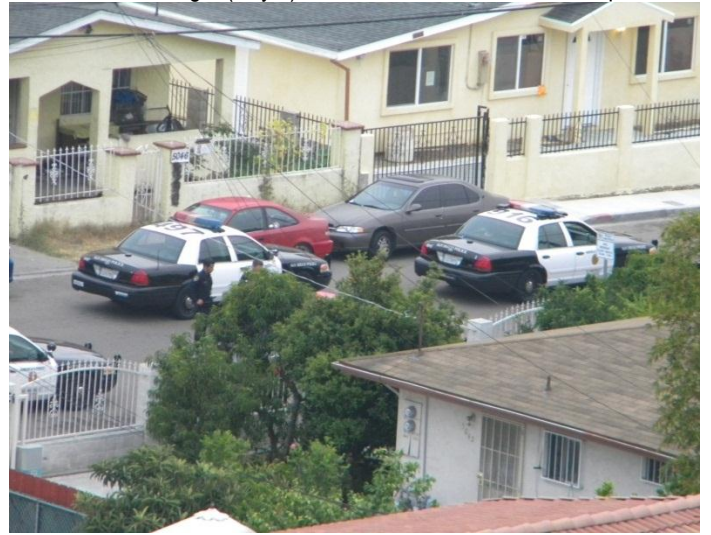
On its own, all alone and tired from its first flight, this hatchling looks at the new world beneath him thinking of what to do next. Yes, it is that time of the year in which, if you look closely, you will enjoy the majesty of nature at its best. In old age, I am so blessed to be able to witness firsthand the hope that the renewal of life brings (*hawk perched behind Teri & Mary's house*). JL

## CRIME WATCH

DRUNK_IN_PUBLIC	07/06/2011	0025	5000 STERLING
DRUNK_IN_PUBLIC	07/02/2011	0420	4800 UNIVERSITY
<b>RES_BURGLARY</b>	07/01/2011	0405-1515	<b>4900 LANTANA</b>
ASSAULT	06/28/2011	0100	3800 WINONA
ROBBERY	06/27/2011	0200-0202	5000 WIGHTMAN
DUI	06/27/2011	0209	4800 UNIVERSITY
AUTO_THEFT	06/25-26/11	1700-0915	5000 WIGHTMAN
ROBBERY	06/23/2011	0130	4900 AUBURN
AUTO_BURGLARY	06/22/2011	1855	3600 ROSELAWN
DRUNK_IN_PUBLIC	06/21/2011	1801	4800 UNIVERSITY
ASSAULT	06/21/2011	1229	4800 WIGHTMAN
ACCIDENTS	06/20/2011	0034-0120	3800 WINONA
<b>ASSAULT</b>	<b>06/19/2011</b>	<b>2047</b>	<b>4700 CASTLE</b>
<b>ASSAULT</b>	<b>06/17/2011</b>	<b>1520</b>	<b>4800 CASTLE</b>
NARCOTICS	06/16/2011	0035	3700 EUCLID
ASSAULT	06/16/2011	2045	4800 UNIVERSITY
<b>CURFEW</b>	06/14/2011	0537	<b>4800 CASTLE</b>
<b>CITATIONS</b>	06/14/2011	0520	<b>4800 CASTLE</b>
<b>CITATIONS</b>	06/14/2011	0525	<b>4800 CASTLE</b>
<b>ASSAULT</b>	06/11/2011	1130	<b>4900 LANTANA</b>

Although any crime in the neighborhood is a matter of great concern with this month crime report we see a spike in crime activity. Perhaps time off from school has a lot to do with it. Throughout the compilation of these reports we see the sad progression that crime takes. Upon warnings, neighbors' reports and newsletter articles we have not made an impression upon some neighbors to not help invite crime into the neighborhood. It never fails, after so many years of passivity, now a home has been burglarized in lower Lantana Drive. Castle has seen a huge increment of crime activity and lower Auburn Drive continues to be under siege. First the group gathers at a predetermined place, smoke a little of this and a little of that, then to practice, they paint a little graffiti here and there, and then they move to the Ontario Avenue vacant land. Closer to mid-night they test their guns, a couple of shots here and couple there, and then spread throughout the neighborhood to break into homes and cars here and there as well.

This criminal behavior routine has been in place for the last six weekends. Last night (July 9) four rounds were fired at 11:00 pm.



On Friday night (*close to mid-night*) July 1<sup>st</sup> (*the day of the home burglary*), a group of people shot their guns up in the air creating a great commotion among the residents around 11:30 pm. Able visited the neighborhood with a couple of overhead passes. After a long night, around 6:15 in the morning (*Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>*) San Diego's finest decided to close lower Auburn between the area of the first picture and the one that follows.

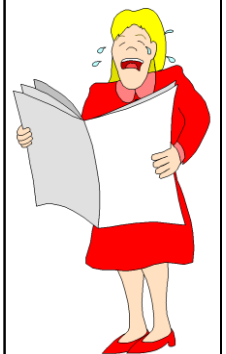


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### The Fox Canyon Voice

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**Doris Pierson proofreader**

*We are grateful for the donation of her time*

## NORTHGATE GONZALEZ MARKET

Our community should be very excited with the news that Northgate Gonzalez Market is coming to the neighborhood. The new market will be located next to K-Mart at 54<sup>th</sup> Street and University Avenue. They are currently doing a major remodel of the building. The family of immigrants opened their first store in Anaheim in 1980 and currently has 32 locations in California. The stores have a large meat department, bakery, tortilleria (*where they make fresh tortillas on site*), fresh produce and prepared foods. They employ over 3500 people in their stores and pride themselves on providing great customer service.

The projected opening of the store will be the end of July and an announcement to the community with a special grand opening event will be coming. This will be their seventh store in the San Diego region.

The representatives of the market are very community oriented, going to the Mobility Study meetings and participating in the breakfast meetings for the new business association **University First**. They are going to be a great neighbor and active community partner. Look for their grand opening announcement soon!

Thanks Jody

## NEW CITY HEIGHTS PUBLICATION

The *City Heights Life* is a free monthly publication funded by a grant from the Price Family Charitable Fund with the mission of informing, inspiring, and unifying City Heights residents. *City Heights Life* will be distributed through schools, community clinics and other high-traffic areas throughout City Heights. It will be published in English with selected articles in Spanish, Vietnamese, and Somali. Content will focus on health, social services, education, public safety, business, and personal interest. Unsolicited submissions will be accepted but must meet the mission criteria. Photos are strongly encouraged. Submissions may be made at [editor@cityheightslife.com](mailto:editor@cityheightslife.com). Digital content is available at [www.cityheightslife.com](http://www.cityheightslife.com). Hardcopies will be distributed once a month throughout City Heights. Visit the website to find out where you can get your copy. The July edition of the *City Heights Life* is now available. It was delivered to 32 locations in City Heights on Thursday. *City Heights Life* does not endorse or take contributions from political or religious organizations, nor does it accept advertising or take editorial positions. We hope you enjoy *City Heights Life*. We would love to get your feedback. Together, let's make City Heights a better place to live, work, and play. Here is the link to the online edition. <http://issuu.com/cityheightslife/docs/july2011>

## SOLAR PANELS

### GOOGLE, GREEN FIRM TEAM UP TO BRING SOLAR TO HOMES

Consumers can lease equipment with no down payment, cut bills

[Author(s): LILY LEUNG U-T Date: June 17, 2011, Section: Business]

Californians who want solar panels on their homes but can't afford the high upfront costs now have help from two U.S. companies with financing and maintenance. Google and San Mateo-based SolarCity, which serves several states, have created a \$280 million fund to install solar projects throughout the U.S. This is Google's biggest investment in clean energy so far, company officials said Tuesday. "Google has made a series of investments in renewable energy because they make business sense and help deploy a range of solutions that can help move us toward Google's green-business operations. Consumers lease the solar equipment from SolarCity instead of buying it, with zero percent down.

The company will cover the installation and maintenance of the system over the course of its lease, which can be renewed in five-year increments. The terms of financing differ by area and aren't available everywhere. Applicants need a credit score of 700 or more. The company's website gives this example of potential costs and savings: The owner of a three-bedroom home

with an electricity bill of \$200 a month could save \$140 a month with solar panels. In other words, the monthly bill could fall to \$60 a month. The SolarLease payment would be \$0 down and \$110 per month. SolarCity spokesman Jonathan Bass said San Diegans have a 20-year lease option. Lease payments range from \$60 a month to \$200 a month, depending on the number of panels installed. Customers could pay a higher initial payment and lower monthly payments down the road. The Google-backed offer is open to homeowners in California, Arizona, Colorado, Washington, D.C., Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Texas. SolarCity's location in San Diego is the base of operations for the company's installers and sales team. The company serves more than 3,000 customers in Southern California.

"As American consumers better understand the consequences of their energy choices, demand for affordable, clean power is increasing," said SolarCity's Benjamin Cook, vice president of project finance. "This collaboration with Google will enable us to provide solar power to thousands of homeowners at or below the cost they currently pay for electricity. "Google's green blog on Tuesday said one Google employee in Menlo Park is expected to save \$100 a month on his energy bills this year and more than \$16,000 over the course of his 15-year lease with SolarCity.

For more information, call (888) 765-2489.

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For the article copy, thanks Teri



Volunteer San Diego  
HANDS ON NETWORK

## Be a Disaster-Ready Volunteer!

Disaster has dominated headlines across the country as historic floods, tornados and wildfires have struck from the Canadian to the Mexican border. Closer to home, San Diegans are preparing themselves for significant wildfires and earthquakes. As a volunteer, you can get involved now and be "disaster ready" when the time comes.

### Volunteer San Diego Disaster Program Orientation:

To discover VSD's own roles and responsibilities in disaster--and how you can be involved--sign up for the Introduction & Orientation scheduled for Wed. June 29, from 6-8 p.m. VSD plays a crucial role in helping government agencies and disaster response organizations recruit and manage individuals who come forward to help when a disaster strikes. We need a Cadre of highly motivated, articulate and computer savvy volunteers to help us manage the thousands of queries we receive--via phone, email and/or walk-in inquiry.

### Training from our Partners:

Explore training opportunities offered by organizations ranging from the American Red Cross and CAL FIRE to CERT, the Medical Reserve Corps or a new program for volunteer caseworkers to staff Local Assistance Centers. Or volunteer with the Dulzura Fire Safe Council of South County to help those who can't, for reasons of age or infirmity, clear their own defensible space. You'll find all those options--and more--on our website and [Browse opportunities](#).

## Bridge The Gap:

If you have specialized skills to offer but don't have the time or flexibility to affiliate with a program, consider opportunities VSD can offer you through Bridge The Gap--a new and customized program for skill-based volunteers who can support a wide range of responders in a disaster.

**For more information, contact:**

**Volunteer San Diego**

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Dear Readers,

The Peer2Peer Program is delighted to present our *July* monthly newsletter, focusing on the topic of *Sex Education*. We review *statistics on teen sexual activity, tips when meeting people online, sex in the media, how to educate your kids about sex, the effects of teen pregnancy, the importance of getting tested, and program highlights.*

Each month, the newsletter will highlight a topic related to children, adolescents, and parenting, to provide education and support to youth, parents, and families in San Diego County. Please forward this email and print copies to share with coworkers, clients, and friends. We also encourage you to leave copies in places where community members could have access to them.

Please feel free to visit our website at [www.mhsinc.org/peer2peer](http://www.mhsinc.org/peer2peer), or contact us with any questions or comments at [cwalters@mhsinc.org](mailto:cwalters@mhsinc.org). We hope you find the newsletter helpful.

Cheers,

The Peer2Peer Lines Staff



## Smart Money Summit 2011

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**FREE FINANCIAL RESOURCES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Saturday, July 16, 2011  
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM (PT)  
Joe and Vi Jacobs Center  
404 Euclid Ave  
San Diego, CA 92114

**TOPICS DISCUSSED AT SUMMIT WILL BE:**

- Community Resource Summit
- Financial Literacy & Education Summit
- Small Business Summit
- Home-ownership Summit
- Youth Financial Empowerment Summit
- Talleres en Español (Spanish Workshops as well)

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## CITY HEIGHTS YOUTH

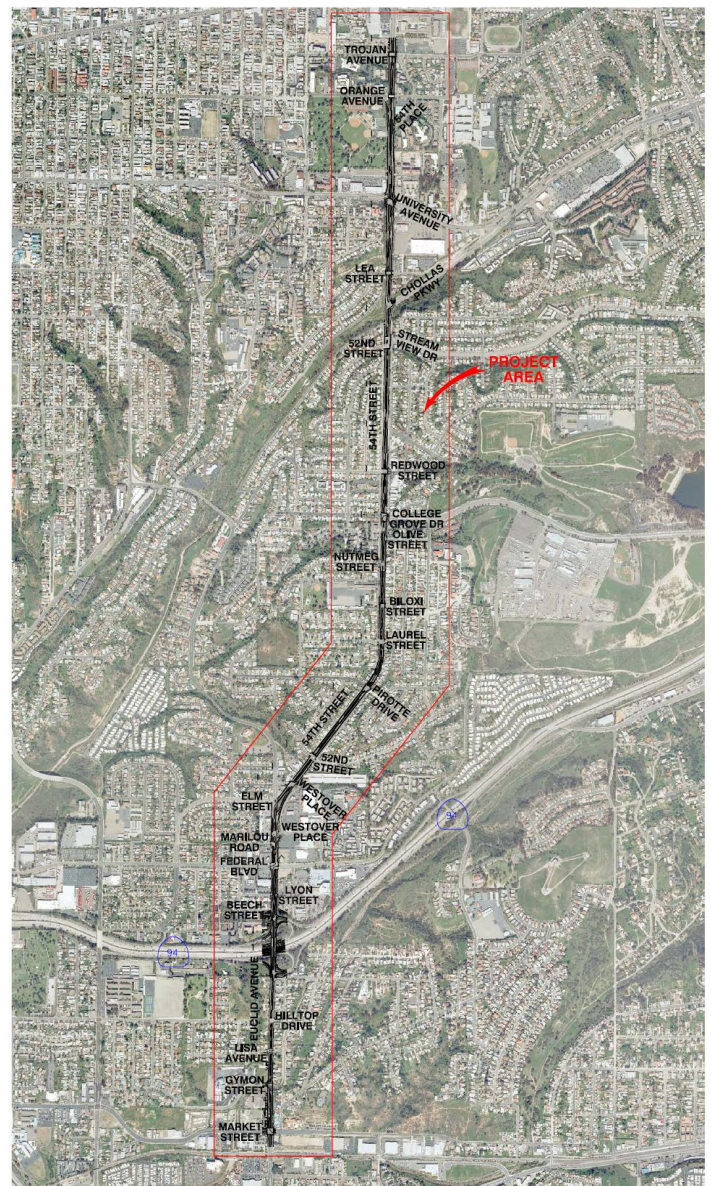
Hello,

The next meeting of the collaboration to keep City Heights youth safe this summer is Friday, July 15 from 9-10:30 am in the City Heights Foundation office (address in my signature). National Conflict Resolution Center and San Diego Workforce Partnership will both speak about programs they have for youth, and we will also discuss what other organizations have in the works and ways to collaborate. We encourage you to attend and look forward to seeing you!

Paige Newman

Safety and Security Program Organizer, City Heights Foundation  
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## BIKE ROUTE





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## Sewer & Water Group 781

### Project Background

The project consists of replacing portions of the existing vitrified clay (VC) sewer mains and existing cast iron (CI) water mains serving the community of Mid-City/City Heights. The existing mains were originally installed between 1920 and 1960 and are nearing the end of their service life. Construction of the project will reduce sewer spills and maintenance requirements, improve service reliability and upgrade the system to modern standards.

### Project Overview

Sewer and Water Group 781 will replace approximately 11,276 linear feet (2.14 miles) of existing 6-inch, 8-inch, and 10-inch sewer mains with 8-inch, 10-inch, and 15-inch PVC pipes. The project will also include the replacement of 7,435 linear feet (1.41 miles) of cast iron water mains with 8-inch, 12-inch, and 16-inch PVC pipes. The project area includes 29 properties that need replumbing work.

This project encompasses the area east of Euclid Avenue, west of 54th Street, south of Trojan Avenue, and north of Landis Street, as well as sewer main upgrade on Loris Street. Construction of the project will affect portions of the streets shown in the attached location map.

The majority of the project's construction work will occur within the public right of way, with the exception of a few segments that run in private easements. The open trench method will be utilized to replace the existing pipes and in certain conflict areas, a trenchless method of construction will be used.

### Impacts

Several properties will need replumbing work to reroute the sewer laterals to a nearby street. A separate letter and a replumb agreement has been sent to these affected properties and approved by the property owners.

While precautions will be taken to minimize noise, debris, traffic and parking disruptions, residents may experience some temporary inconveniences. A traffic control plan will be approved by the City of San Diego Traffic Engineering Section for the contractor to implement. The plan will help minimize traffic impacts and ensure public and property safety. Construction noise will not exceed limits established by the applicable laws and regulations.

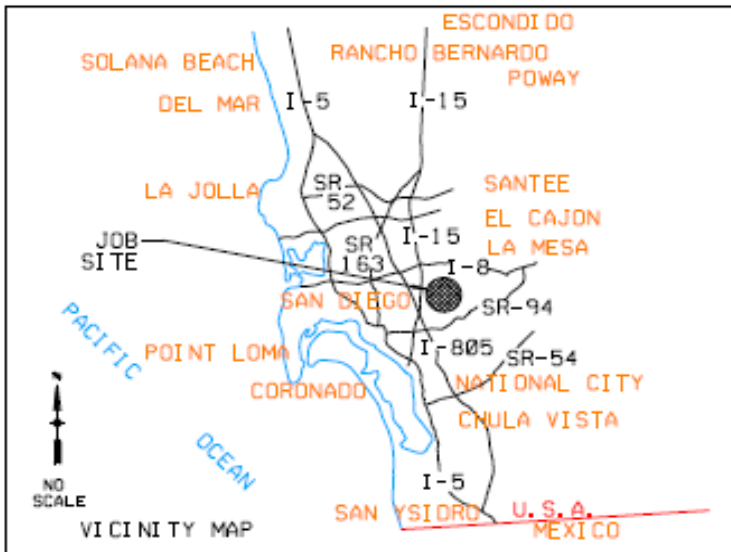
### Construction Schedule and Cost

Prior to the start of any construction activities, residents in the affected area will be notified by mail and hand delivery of flyers regarding the construction work. Construction is anticipated to begin in June of 2011, and will take approximately 293 working days to complete.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$7,522,151.

***"Working together to engineer a better tomorrow."***

*If you have any questions about this project or the Engineering & Capital Projects Department, please call our Public Information Line at (619) 533-4207 or visit us online at [www.sandiego.gov/engineering-cip](http://www.sandiego.gov/engineering-cip).*



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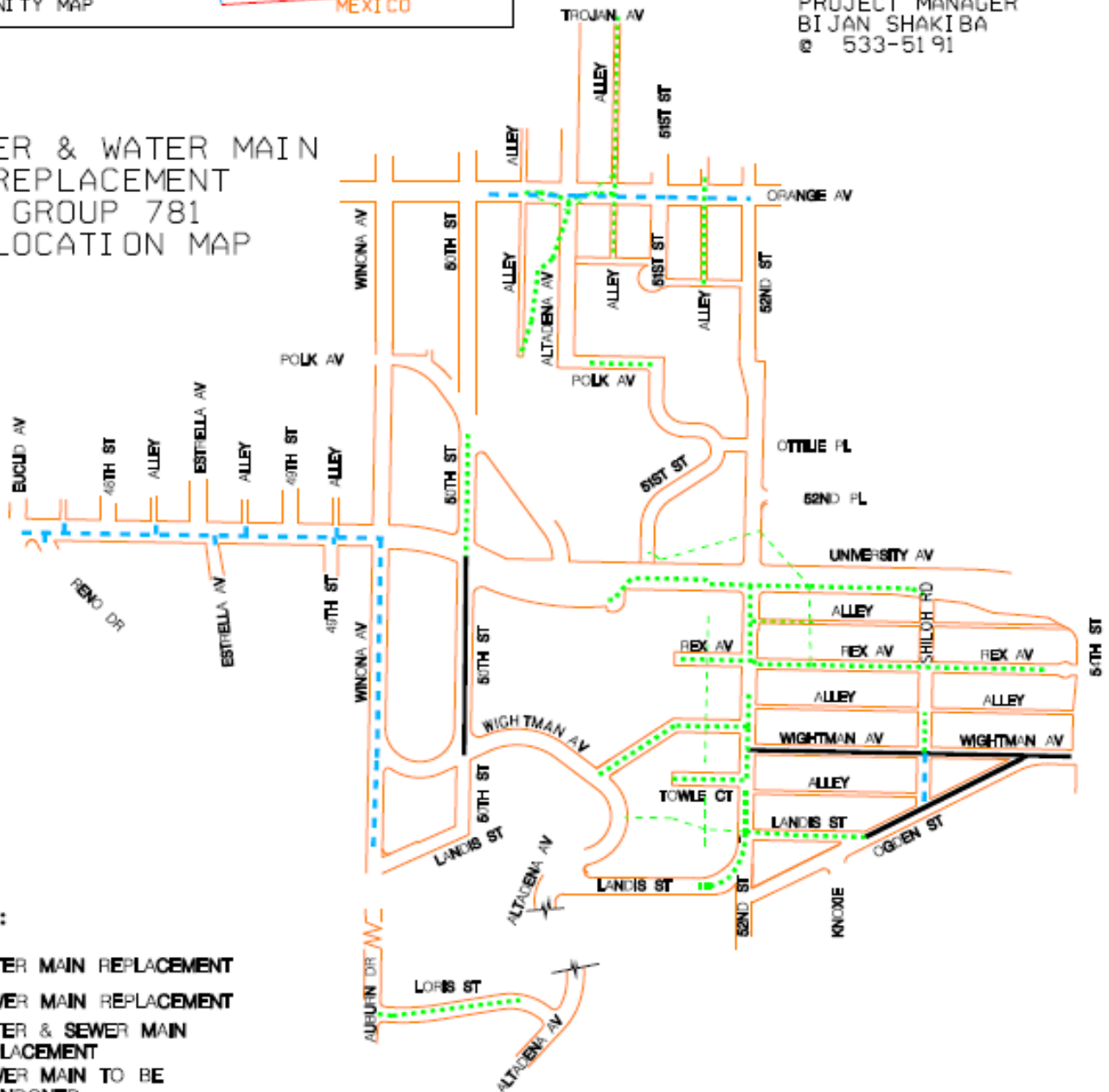
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# SEWER & WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT GROUP 781 LOCATION MAP



## LEGEND:

- WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT
- SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT
- WATER & SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT
- SEWER MAIN TO BE ABANDONED





# Have a fun and safe summer!

from Kristin Beattie, D.C.A.  
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## HOME SAFETY TIPS for SUMMER

- ★ Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even if you will only be gone for a few minutes. **Come home to a hot house, not an empty house!**
- ★ When going on trips or just out for the evening, use automatic timers to turn indoor lights on and off to make it appear you are home.
- ★ Consider informing your neighbors if you will be away from your house for an extended period of time; ask them to watch your house and to collect your mail and newspapers.
- ★ If you have house guests, familiarize them with your security precautions and make sure they follow them.
- ★ Do not possess or use fireworks – enjoy professional fireworks displays, from a safe distance.

## VACATION SAFETY TIPS

- ★ The following are some common safety tips that particularly pertain to tourists:
  - Use maps to plan routes before venturing out in a rental car.
  - Avoid traveling in vehicles that are obviously rented.
  - Avoid appearing to be a tourist.
  - Be aware of surroundings and avoid suspicious characters.
  - Travel with companions.
  - Remove valuables from cars.
  - Lock windows and doors in rooms when leaving.
- ★ Always be aware of who is around you.
- ★ Keep your money safe: Carry your purse in front of you, next to your body, with the purse flap against you; carry your wallet in your front pocket.
- ★ Park in well-lit areas, as close as possible to hotel or attraction entrances.
- ★ Be sure to indelibly mark cameras and other valuables with your California Driver's license or I.D. number.
- ★ If you are a victim of a crime, report it to the police immediately.



**REMEMBER THIS: UNLIKE US, CRIMINALS DON'T TAKE A BREAK OVER THE SUMMER.  
IN FACT, THIS IS ONE OF THEIR BUSY SEASONS!  
BE ALERT AND REPORT SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR.**

# NEIGHBORHOOD BEAT



## CPR Training in Your Neighborhood!

Council Member Marti Emerald is partnering with Rural/Metro Ambulance, the city of San Diego's ambulance provider, to launch **Neighborhood Beat**, a city-wide community CPR training program! The launch event will be in Council District 7 on Saturday, Aug. 13!



**WHO:** All members of the community are invited to learn life-saving CPR skills.

**WHAT:** CPR training is different from certification, and will last 30 minutes.

**WHERE:** SDSU Jayne Goodall Alumni Center

5500 Campanile Dr..  
San Diego, CA 92182

**WHEN:** Saturday, August 13, 2011  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*\*Training will be conducted in 30-minute increments beginning at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. Please plan to arrive 30 minutes before start times, as classes will begin promptly on the half hour.*

Learn how to:

- Perform CPR
- Use an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)



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## Neighborhood Fire Break Clearing

As fire season approaches, all of us who live in the canyons are concerned with clearing our land to create a safe fire break.

I am your neighbor at 4932 Lantana Dr. and I have come across a solution that is both environmentally friendly and cost efficient – goats! I have contacted a company here in San Diego that specializes in utilizing a herd of goats to clear the land. No toxic chemicals, no pollution to the environment, no loud noise, only the soft bleating of a herd of goats. And the best part is the cost can be less than hiring people to clear the land, if enough of adjoining properties participate.

I have spoken to several of our neighbors on Lantana and they are quite excited about this idea. Please check out the website: <http://www.elmgoats.com/services.html> and contact me if you are interested in participating as a group to lower costs for each of us. Elm Goats needs a minimum of 5 acres in order to make it feasible for them to contract with us. The goats are supervised 24/7 and they set up an electric fence perimeter. They specialize in this service and I personally feel it would be a win/win for all of us to deal with our hillside clearing in this manner. If you are interested, please contact me by July 17<sup>th</sup>



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